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ANDHRA PRADESH MEDICAL COUNCIL

2nd Floor, Dr. N.T.R. University of Health Sciences, VIJAYAWADA - 520 008, A.P.

Letter No.APMC/1491/ARE/2019.

Dated: 10-12-2020.

ANDHRA PRADESH MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION ACT, 1968 -
PROVISIONS OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION-17 OF THE ACT -
REMOVAL OF THE NAME OF A REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER
FROM THE MEDICAL REGISTER FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS.

- Ref : (1) Suo Moto Case Letter No. APMC/ DC/ 015/ 1491/ 2019, Dated: 18-10-2019.
(2) Explanations submitted by the Respondent Doctor Dr. S. Uma Sankar, Ahalya Hospital, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh State, Dated: 04-11-2019, in an Affidavit Form.
(3) Letter No.APMC/DC/015/1491/2019, Dated: 20-01-2020, Summons to the Respondent Doctor Dr. Uma Shankar, Ahalya Hospital, with a request to attend the Hearing of the Ethics Committee Meeting scheduled to be held on 31-01-2020.
(4) Decision of the General Body of the Council in the meeting held on 11-11-2020.

ORDER

In pursuance of the decision taken by the General Body of the Andhra Pradesh Medical Council, on 11th November 2020, the Medical Registration of the Doctor - Dr.S. Umasankar, MBBS, MS(OBG) bearing Registration No. 42840 dated 28-06-1999, is hereby temporarily removed from the State Medical Register on the 10th December, 2020 for a period of SIX MONTHS, as provided in Section 17(2) read with Section 15(4) of the Andhra Pradesh Medical Practitioners Registration 1968, for deliberately and grossly violating and contravening the ICMR Guidelines which put '45 years' as the cut off

age of conducting ART Procedure and for violation of the clause **3.10.5** of the ICMR Guidelines, which deals with the “Code of Practice, Ethical Considerations and Legal Issues”. In addition to the same, Regulation **7.19** of the IMC (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations 2002 also indicates against the engagement of touts and agents for procuring patients, which implies and discourages the “Conduct of Camps” for such purposes, as they give scope for such Agents to get themselves involved.

For the above reasons, which were found and got established as they are very serious in nature and thereby constitute Professional Misconduct on his part, the Ethics Committee, in its final observations asserted that the need to have a baby is an internal drive and the infertile parties are emotionally vulnerable. That is why the State is under pressure to keep the public informed of these Technologies in details to avoid risks. As per the decision taken by the Ethics Committee, the matter was placed before the General Body for taking final decision in the case.

The General Body in its ONLINE meeting held on 11-1-2020, took up the case for a consideration and after due deliberations among the erudite Members, it was further observed that :-

In the circumstances, the Committee is of the view that it may not be out of context to state that the instant Case is heavily biased against the two babies depriving them of the adequate psychological support in their growth from childhood to adulthood violating the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, considering the ripe age of the parents.

The Committee further felt that the Laws of nature should not be tampered with, and hence such an unethical and irresponsible misuse of Technology in Genetic Engineering should be discouraged, lest it may form a detrimental precedent with the Medical fraternity and leads to the exploitation of gullible public; and hence taking a holistic view of the Case delivered the above Order.

In view of the above ORDER, as provided under Sub-section (5) of Section 17 of the aforesaid Act, Dr.S.Umasankar is hereby directed to surrender his Permanent Registration Certificate bearing No.42840 dated 28-06-1999, the Registration Certificate of Post Graduation and the Renewal of Registration Certificate dated 10-09-2019 (In original) to the Andhra Pradesh Medical Council, forthwith.

Dr. B.K. NAIK,
Registrar,
Andhra Pradesh Medical Council,
Vijayawada-8.

To,
Dr.Uma Shankar SN,
Ahalya Nursing Home, Kothapet,GUNTUR-522 001,
Andhra Pradesh.